

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** stroke occurs before birth in an estimated one in 4,000 newborns and approximately six out of 100,000 children experience stroke each year; and

**WHEREAS,** over half of the children who have a stroke will suffer long-term neurological disabilities, including paralysis of one side of the body, seizures, speech and vision problems, and learning difficulties, possibly requiring ongoing physical therapy and surgeries; and

**WHEREAS,** the permanent health concerns and treatments caused by childhood stroke result in heavy financial and emotional tolls on the child and the family; and

**WHEREAS,** early diagnosis and treatment greatly improves chances for recovery and prevention of recurrence of childhood stroke.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2005, as

### CHILDHOOD STROKE AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the need for continued research to determine the cause and develop effective treatment and prevention strategies for pediatric stroke.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**